

St. Vincent's Hospital Complex, 111
Elizabeth Bayley Seton Building
151-167 West 11th Street
New York City
New York County
New York

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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE New York	COUNTY New York	TOWN OR VICINITY New York
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) St. Vincent's Hospital Complex, Elizabeth Bayley Seton Building		HABS NO. NY-5698A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Elizabeth Bayley Seton Building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 151-167 West 11th Street, New York, New York 10011		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1897	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) William Schickel & Issac F. Ditmars	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Attached (A)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) This brick building consists of masonry load bearing walls and cast iron columns.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED, FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) This single corridor structure measures 64' x 234' and is 17 bays wide on 11th St. and 5-bays wide on Seventh Avenue. The building has six main floors plus an attic and two basements.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Attached (B)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The two basement levels and first floor are used for service facilities, the second through the fifth floors for ward-type bedrooms, the sixth floor is a surgery addition, and the attic is used for storage. The interior includes fine tile floors of different patterns on each floor, and a chapel with a barrel vaulted ceiling, oak wood work, stained glass windows, and marble columns.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1) Update of mechanical and electrical systems. 1948. 2) Ninth floor addition (date unknown).		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE This building is in good condition; soon to be demolished.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Attached (C)		
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(A) St. Vincent's Hospital, which includes this building, was founded in 1849 by the Sisters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul. It is the third oldest, and the first Catholic, hospital in the city. This imposing seven-story high building is conspicuously located on a corner lot. The building was designed by Schickel and Ditmars, who were well known for their designs of Catholic Churches and institutional buildings. This building is also a contributing member of the 65 block Greenwich Village Historic District.

(B) The first floor is heavily rusticated, with both round and segmental-arched windows. The central entrance is flanked by unfluted Doric columns, supporting urns above the entablature. A window with arched pediment surmounts this doorway. The entire central portion (three bays) is slightly projected and is crowned by a pediment with modillions and broken lower cord, permitting a two-story arched recess to rise up into it. The second floor has alternating bands of stone and brick, and all other floors are of brick facing with stone surrounds framing the windows.

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